

Appl. Serial No. 09/922,482

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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Newly presented claims 86-107 are presented for examination, original claims 1-85 having been canceled. For the record, claims 1-6, 12-13, 62-64, 67 and 68 were subject to an election/restriction requirement for which affirmation of same is made by applicant. Notwithstanding said affirmation, the cancellation herein of claims 1-85 is believed to reduce the issues under consideration. In particular, the election of species and affirmation of election is rendered moot.

Regarding the objection to claim 68, the objection thereto is also rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim.

As to elected claims 1-6, 12, 13, 62-64, 67 and 68, these claims stood rejected as being anticipated or otherwise unpatentable over Hoening et al., taken alone or in view of Official Notice taken by Examiner. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the cancellation of these claims.

Newly presented claims 86-107 are now presented to more clearly describe that which applicant regards as its invention, and, as stated above, to reduce the issues under consideration.

Each of newly presented independent claims 86 and 97 (related as method and scanner, respectively) are directed to measurement of near fields by use of a rotating sensor.

The claimed invention differs drastically from the device of Hoening which describes measurement of time dependent type fields. Near fields, the subject of the present invention, are "quasi-static" and not time dependent as such. In sum, Hoening fails to teach or suggest a device (scanner) including a "rotating sensor" "for conducting near field measurements along multiple positions and multiple planes relative to an integrated circuit (IC) to obtain magnitude and direction of magnetic field radiated by the IC", and "creating a corresponding current map using the near field measurements", as presently claimed.

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In light of the foregoing, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application with a view toward allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if a telephone call could help solve any remaining items.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

Respectfully submitted,

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